

PRIMARY LODGES
(Concluded.)

4. *Internal Work*—Let a feeling of hearty good fellowship exist in the Lodge. Shake hands with each other in friendly greeting whenever you meet in the Lodge room. Especially let the presiding officers and the principal men see to it that they mingle affably and kindly with the membership, and endeavor to create a good and loyal feeling in their Lodge, than which there is no stronger bond and guarantee of progress.

With regard to interest in the internal work. A Lodge should always have something, should have it varied, and should enlist all to take some part. Having nothing to do whenever the business is over provokes ill order, wearies the membership, and produces dissatisfaction and carelessness. Having the same thing always causes dulness and lack of life. Giving all the work into the hands of a few, creates a want of interest in the majority, for only as a Lodge's members are active, are they good and growing members. How to have this work provided: Each lodge, on the evening Installation of officers, should appoint a small committee of working members, with the chief at their head, whose duty it shall be to provide entertainment for the Lodge. These should be kept to their work by the Chief; his care should be unceasing in this matter, and his eye constantly on the work. Almost the whole interest and progress of the Lodge are placed, as far as supervision and care go, in the hands of the presiding officers. They have so much to do, and yet how often they seem to act as though no responsibility, only a little honor, was conferred on them! What can a Lodge have for interest? We fail in Lodges in the discussion of live and special subjects. Let us have then, pertinent debates on matters

vitality in connection with the Lodge life in its own community and province. How can a Lodge forward aggressively temperance in its community, and diminish drinking, rumselling, official ruin influence, etc.? What are the defects of license laws, of our own license law? What are the principles of prohibition; how can they be advanced? The careful consideration of these would impart a life to a Lodge undreamt of before.

We want more temperance Singing. Let each Lodge form a choir; it interests many in the direct work, interests more in the pleasure and feeling it will produce. Temperance songs, choruses and glees are becoming numerous; a few dollars will purchase a good selection; the interest created and good done are almost incalculable.

Occasional papers on temperance subjects may be read and talked about. Every Lodge has some one or more members qualified for this. Let him announce his subject before he prepares his essay, and have it fully discussed in Lodge. Speeches should be frequent and short. No influence is superior to the human voice lifted in warning, in instruction, in encouragement. Let men be appointed to deliver short addresses, and besides an interest being added to the session, deal of latent talent will thus be developed. Temperance information is what we need—sound, practical, and often impressed.

No Lodge should be without a temperance paper. Let the organ of the Order be in each Lodge, and let it be utilized. No issue of a live temperance paper can lack one or two articles which are of interest and pertinence, to the Lodge, and some one should be appointed to select and read one or two articles every session of the Lodge from one of the temperance papers taken. Dialogues and recitations are of use for interest.